

St. Valentine's Day

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PEARSON ASKS FOR MERCY

Remains of Feathered Creatures Deck Hats of Some of His Hearers.

Women who permit themselves to indulge their vanity in an attempt to outshine their sisters by adorning their hats with feathers and plumes of wild birds, were condemned in no uncertain terms last night by T. Gilbert Pearson, of New York, secretary of the National Audubon Society, who spoke in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School, under the auspices of the Virginia Audubon Society.

Many species of the feathered tribes, the lecturer said, are fast becoming extinct because of the tremendous market for the sale of plumage created especially in New York and Paris by the millinery trade which is endeavoring to satisfy the tastes of the so-called modish women.

He brought out this point more forcibly by the use of stereoscopic views, taken from actual photographs. He first showed the heron feeding its young. The small birds were next depicted dead in their nest, and the third picture was that of the dead mother lying in a pool of blood on the ground where it had been thrown after being stripped of its feathers by the hunters.

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When he had made ready for his start to the train, "Pap" was more helpless than a child, and his wonderment was beyond words. He had a vague remembrance of trains as they were two decades ago, and he had marveled when Minkant passed over the penitentiary in his monoplane, but all the rest of it—automobiles, skyscrapers, and the like—were new, and he walked as one in a dream.

With the exception of the time spent in the penitentiary, his life, numbering eighty-one years, has been crowded with stirring incidents. For thirty-five years he was slave and then servant to William Henry Selden, who was shot in the defense of Lynchburg. It is said that the body servant, seeing his master fall, took up the gun and fought in his place.

His private life was anything but uneventful. He was twice before the life sentence was passed upon him from Newport, and though it was not possible to know that a third conviction was the cause of his final sentence, the days of his existence will now be few and it is not feared that he will again have to face any further breach of the peace.

TO INVITE TAILORS
National Association Will Be Urged to Hold Convention Here.

Business Manager William T. Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce, with Nathan Simon, and a representative from the City Council, are leaving today for Washington to attend the annual meeting of the American Tailors' Manufacturing Association with the hope of getting the next convention for this city.

One Continued.
The case of Katherine Staples, who was charged with interfering with the Virginia Railway and Power Company for personal damages, in the sum of \$10,000, was called yesterday and continued by consent of counsel to May 15.

ALLOW SPANISH VETERANS TO VOTE

Move to Exempt This Class From Payment of Capitalization Taxes.

A suggestion, fathered by Commander Simmons, of the United States, and favoring with that organization, the soldiers who served in the Spanish war, has been made to exempt from the payment of poll taxes as a prerequisite to the suffrage in Virginia, Mr. Simmons, of Roanoke, who is the State commander, has written letters to the camps proposing such action.

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SHIPPERS FIGHT STOVE CRATING

Hearing on Petition of Railways to Be Begun To-Day Before Commission.

BURNLEY TO BE RETAINED

Will Continue Work for Military Records—School for Artillery Officers.

Of great importance to all manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in stoves will be the hearing to begin this morning at 11 o'clock before the State Corporation Commission. The Southern Railway Company is the primary petitioner, having been joined by several other roads, the object being to secure an order requiring all stoves shipped in less than carload lots to be crated.

On the other hand, the shippers say they are subjected to unreasonable expenses caused by breakage of stoves when not crated. They argue that the cost of crating is really small, and that the greater safety will more than compensate for the expense.

It was the impression yesterday at the offices of the commission that there will be no further postponement, but that the hearing will be begun to-day. Its delay is problematical, although a large amount of testimony is improvable.

WILL RETAIN BURNLEY
Assistant Secretary of Records to Remain in Office.

Although the office of secretary of Virginia Military Records will terminate on March 1, under the law as passed by the last Legislature, the services of W. S. Burnley, now assistant secretary, will be retained for six months longer. The work of collecting Confederate data will go after March 1 under the supervision of Adjutant General W. W. Sale, and he has previously advised that he would appoint Colonel J. V. Ridgwood, the present secretary, to fill the clerkship.

SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS
Artillery Commanders Will Go to Fort

Most of the field artillery officers in Virginia will again attend the school at Fort Riley, Kansas, during the coming summer. A letter received yesterday from the Bureau of Military Affairs, for information as to how many of the officers will be in attendance during the course of instruction from June 1 to June 15, General Sale at once addressed a letter to Major T. M. Wortham, commanding the field artillery, asking for information on this subject.

Major Wortham said yesterday that he believed nearly all of the officers would go to the school. Thirteen of the nineteen in this State went to Fort Riley last year, some of them staying for the full period of thirty days. This State had a larger proportionate attendance than any other in the country.

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FIGHTING HIGHER RATES ON LIQUOR

Shippers Protest Against Proposed Tariff of Express Companies.

DEPOSITIONS ARE TAKEN

Representative of Interstate Commerce Commission Is Presiding Here.

Special Examiner Needham, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, took depositions yesterday in the Federal court room in connection with the petition of S. L. Clarke and others against the Southern Express Company, where, in it is desired to restrain the latter and sixteen other companies, with two additional ones, from increasing the rates on liquor shipments.

Intervening with Clarke is the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association and the National Mail Order Association.

The express companies last August issued a new classification, which included liquor shipments. At that time it was set forth that the new schedules would be effective October 1.

Both changes were unsatisfactory to the liquor interests, and the Interstate Commerce Commission was petitioned for an order to restrain the enforcement of the proposed regulations pending final judgment in the case. This was granted.

One of the main points the liquor men are fighting is as to the acceptance of consignments of liquor at agencies. In one instance, a carton containing a gallon of whiskey, valued at about eight pounds, more or less, the express companies want to have this packed in a box of ten pounds.

Witnesses for the respondents yesterday admitted that the liquor interests agreed to place liquor shipments in wooden cases, but they would not be packed in cases. Bare jugs, they pointed out, could not be placed one after another. The express men maintain that the cartons must be in wooden cases, but also that they are a big improvement over the old method of shipping whiskey in jugs.

Only three witnesses for the respondents were examined yesterday, and it is likely that the hearing will consume some time this morning at 10 o'clock.

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SONS OF VETERANS CELEBRATION AT ELECT OFFICERS SHELTERING ARMS

Lee Camp Adopts New Constitution—Will Meet Only Once a Year.

Deciding to abolish monthly meetings, to hereafter meet only once a year—on Secession Day—and to leave its affairs with the executive committee at all other times, the Lee Camp, No. 1, Sons of Confederate Veterans, last night adopted a new constitution and by-laws. Officers were elected to serve until April 17 next, when the annual meeting under the new rules will be held by the public.

The work of revising the constitution and by-laws of the camp has been in the hands of a committee composed of John B. Lightfoot, Jr., E. Leslie Spence, Jr., and B. B. Morgan. This committee made its report last night, and the new constitution was adopted. It is to meet not less than four times a year, and oftener when occasion requires.

Big Secession Day Meeting.
It is planned to have a rousing meeting on April 17, when the members of the men who fought for the Confederacy will be honored. The camp shall in years to come be a large body, keeping green the memories of their fathers when the latter were no more.

Robert Lecky, Jr., proposed an additional article to the by-laws, providing for the election of a new constitution, the following to serve until the next election: J. Singleton Walker, commander; George B. Keesee, first lieutenant; second lieutenant, commander; J. C. Cox, treasurer; J. B. Morgan, executive committee—five principal officers and B. B. Morgan, John B. Lightfoot, Jr., E. Leslie Spence, Jr., and B. B. Morgan, and Robert Lecky, Jr.

HAVE TWO WEEKS MORE
Corporations Must Report on Earnings to Governor.

Two weeks remain for the corporations of Virginia to make a report of their earnings to the Governor. The United States Internal Revenue Law requires that they be submitted to a department of the Treasury, which is necessary in order that they may be assessed for the corporation tax, which is due before July 1.

The law provides that all corporations which come under the tax which have not filed their report before March 1, will be fined \$10,000. This tremendous fine is looked upon by many as absurd, but it is likely that the hearing will consume some time this morning at 10 o'clock.

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OFFICER RESIGNS HIS COMMISSION

Lieutenant Levering, of First Regiment, to Retire—Election on Thursday.

Two vacancies now exist in the ranks of officers of the First Battalion, First Regiment, while a new officer received his commission last night. The latest resignation is that of First Lieutenant Harry F. Levering, of Company C, "The Guard of the Commonwealth," whose withdrawal from the service has been forwarded to Adjutant-General W. W. Sale.

Lieutenant Levering has been with Company C about a year. He was formerly with the Richmond Howitzers, having had considerable military experience. He resigns for business reasons.

Police Court Cases

Eubank, Who Stole Buggy Robe, Gets Four Months in Jail.
John and William Morgan, white, charged with stealing \$7.50 from Paul Eubank, were dismissed in Police Court yesterday.

L. N. Eubank, white, charged with stealing a buggy robe from Leroy E. Brown, was sentenced to four months in jail.

The case against James Robinson, colored, charged with stealing Charles Lovins, was continued to February 16.

Mrs. Kate Lipka, charged with selling liquor without a license, was dismissed.

Al Jones, white, was dismissed of the charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

The case against Arctostolus Amigos, charged with stealing \$2.25 from Annie Crew, was continued to February 17.

The case against John Robinson, colored, charged with selling liquor without a license, was continued to February 22.

Sidney Duvall, white, charged with being duvally and interfering with Ureth Lane, was dismissed.

James Martin, colored, charged with operating a gaming resort at 217 North Seventeenth Street, was fined \$25.

Granted a Parole.
Clarence Fauterley, colored, who was convicted in the Hastings Court about a year ago on the charge of grand larceny, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, was yesterday paroled by the Board of Directors. He had served one year and two weeks of his sentence.

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